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SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: TEL AVIV 6101 AND 6105

1. WE MADE DEMARCHE TO EVRON (MFA) AT 1330 HOURS SEPT 5
PROTESTING FACT THAT A) ISRAELI NAVAL VESSELS HAD DELIBERATELY
DESTROYED OIL EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT (BUOYS) BELONGING TO AMERICAN
FIRM AMOCO AND B) WE WERE NOT TOLD OF SINKING OF BUOYS, NOR
OF USE OF GUNFIRE IN DOING SO, WHEN BRIEFED BY IDF LAST NIGHT
(REFTELS). WE SAID WE FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IDF HAD NOT
KNOWN OF THIS WHEN BRIEFING OUR ATTACHES. IF IDF HEADQUARTERS
IS IN FACT NOT KEPT ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GULF, THEN
WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT IT TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS.

2. EVRON TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND SAID
HE WOULD MAKE INQUIRIES AND CALL US BACK. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION
OF EVENTS HE AT FIRST ATTEMPTED TO RELATE IDF REPORTS OF NO
ISRAELI GUNFIRE TO CONTACT OF ISRAELI GUN BOAT WITH MARINER
EARLY SATURDAY. HE BACKED AWAY WHEN TOLD THAT DURING BRIEFING
LAST NIGHT EIGHTEEN HOURS AFTER MARINER HAD DEPARTED AREA,
IDF HAD AGAIN DENIED THAT THERE, HAD BEEN ANY GUNFIRE BY ISRAELI
BOATS.

3. WE ARE MAKING PARALLEL APPROACH TO GENERAL MAZIT, CHIEF OF
IDF INTELLIGENCE.

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